

## Message Text

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TO USDA/FAS WASHDC  
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DAMASCUS PLEASE PASS TO AGATT. ATHENS FOR RTDO.

NON-WASHINGTON ADDRESSEES REQUESTED TO PASS TO US COMPANIES

E.O 11652: N/A

TAGS: BAGB, IZ

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LARGE IRAQI ORDERS XOS FOR TOMATO PASTE

1. BECAUSE OF 1976 IRAQI SUMMER CROP OF TOMATOES HAS NOT BEEN AS LARGE AS ANTICIPATED, THE IRAQI STATE CANNING CO. KERBELA, IRAQ, IS EXPECTED TO ISSUE SOON DIRECT INVITATIONS TO A LIMITED NUMBER OF PARTIES REQUESTING OFFERS FOR AS MUCH AS 20,000 TONS OF TOMATO PASTE.

2. PREVIOUSLY GOI IMPORTED UP TO 30,000 TONS OF PASTER PER YEAR FROM EAST EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS AT AN AVERAGE COST OF 950 DOLLARS PER TON FOR 30 TO 40 PERCENT CONCENTRATE C&F KERBELA DELIVERED IN BARRELS. ALTHOUGH SUPPLIES WERE TO WHO STANDARDS, GOI DESIRES HGIGHER QUALITY.

3. INTERESTED U.S. EXPORTERS OF CONCENTRATED TOMATO PASTE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY THEMSELVES TO IRAQI STATE CANNING CO, KERBELA, IRAQ (CALBES "TALEEB, KERBELA, UNCLASSIFIED

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IRAQ") AND REQUEST THAT FUTURE ENQUIRIES BE REFERRED TO

THEM. THEY SHOULD ALSO GIVE CONCENTRATION AND LABORATORY ANALYSIS OF THEIR PRODUCTS AND EXPRESS WILLINGNESS TO AIRFREIGHT SAMPLES.

4. USDA/FAS IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD TO USINT RELEVANT FDA STANDARDS FOR TOMATO PASTE AND FOR SYNTHETIC OR TOMATO PASTE SUBSTITUTE.

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